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Kay Ivey
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STATE OF ALABAMA



Kenneth W. Boswell
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Investing in Alabama can apply to everyone through the U.S. Census

Throughout Governor Kay Ivey's term, the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs has awarded hundreds of grants to improve Alabama communities, create jobs and keep people, neighborhoods and highways safe.

We are proud of those accomplishments and our contributions to making Alabama a better place to live and raise families. Our commitment and service in helping Alabama communities improve will continue throughout Governor Ivey's administration.

This annual report serves as a snapshot of our dozens of programs, all with the common goal of investing in Alabama for a better future. In addition to our longstanding grant programs like Community Development Block Grants, we have added some newer programs that address additional needs like expanding access to broadband internet and improving the state's inland ports.

Yet, as we enter the year 2020 we want to turn the table and ask you to do us a favor. This request applies to anyone who is reading this no matter if you are a state elected official, a librarian who is shelving this annual report, or anyone who just happened pick up this report and started flipping through the pages. In doing so, you will be doing yourself, your family, your community and Alabama a favor. In a way, you will help us invest in Alabama.

In spring and summer 2020, the U.S. Census will be conducted, and in Alabama the outcome is a serious matter. Governor Ivey recognized early on the importance of the census, and she appointed ADECA as the lead agency to push that agenda along.

In those regards I encourage you to participate not just to fulfill your civic duty, but because so much is riding on the outcome. Moreover, I encourage you to tell your friends, your co-workers and family members to participate.

Here is the reason: The roads you travel, the public services you receive and the representation you have in Washington is tied to the census because of the allocation of federal funding and the reapportionment in Congress is based upon census numbers. Even the amount of grants that we award at ADECA are tied to the census.

Those are some heavy-weighted reasons to participate in the census either online, by phone or through the mail.

The influence of the census, which releases no personal details to the public, is in essence a snapshot of our country, our state and our communities. Looking at certain information can help us determine our needs and prepare for the future.

Help make our future better by participating in the census and urging others in your community, your church, your work and your social settings to take part.

Traveling this state and meeting with local elected officials and residents as I have during the past few years, I know you are proud of your communities and want to make them better. By participating in the census, you can be a vehicle to making that happen.

Meanwhile, we at ADECA will continue to work from our end to help your communities and our state be even greater.

Sincerely,

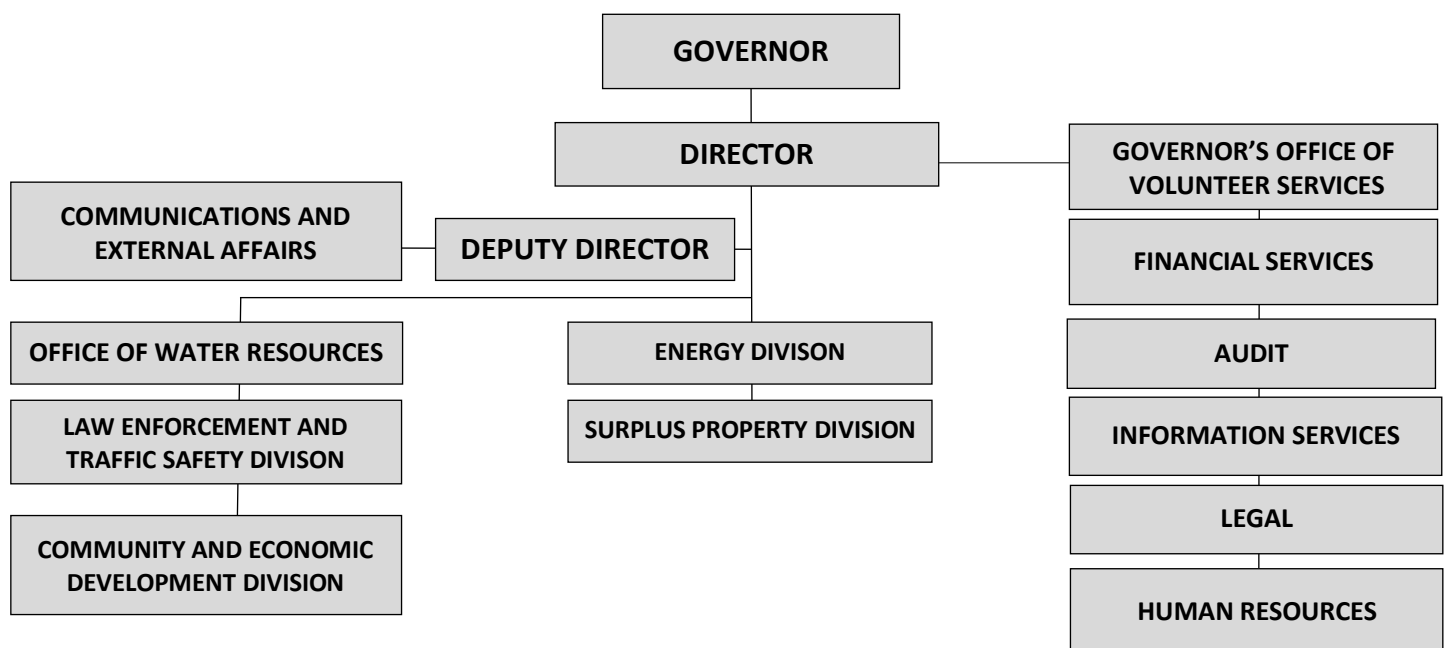
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ADECA ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ADECA's offices are located in the Alabama Center for Commerce building in downtown Montgomery.

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS



Mission Statement

The mission of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is to improve and strengthen communities and the quality of life in Alabama through a wide range of diverse and comprehensive programs involving economic development, infrastructure, law enforcement, education, energy conservation and technology upgrades, and responsible management of water resources.

2020 CENSUS



ADECA is serving as the lead state agency with the U.S. Census Bureau to prepare for the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census is critical to Alabama, and even small undercounts can have significant economic effects to the state and its communities and impact Alabama's representation in Congress. A recent study by George Washington University estimated that the federal government returns \$1,567 to the state for every Alabamian counted.

ADECA's Communications and External Affairs Unit has for several years played a leading role in ensuring that the state and its communities are ready to be counted.

Gov. Kay Ivey, realizing the importance of the Census, in August 2018 signed an Executive Order establishing the Alabama Counts! 2020 Census Committee.

The Committee, representing education, government, faith-based organizations, community based organizations, business and industry, health care and rural communities, provides a cross group of people required to reach practically every individual in the state and emphasize the importance of the Census.

A low count in Alabama could result in the state losing one of its seven members of Congress and one less vote in the Electoral College. An undercount will also result in Alabama losing some of its federal funding involving highway improvements, schools, health care and Community Development Block Grants.

In many areas of the state, county and municipal leaders are aware of the stakes of the Census and what it means within their own jurisdictions and have already teamed up with U.S. Census officials to ensure maximum participation.

ADECA continues to meet regularly with Alabama Counts! and its subcommittees to map out plans and strategies to erase any false misconceptions people may have about the Census and ensure that every Alabama family is counted.



Alabama and ADECA have been gearing up for several years for the 2020 Census. The outcome of the national count will have multiple ramifications for Alabama.

BROADBAND



Even in the 21st Century many rural Alabama communities remain unable to communicate effectively with the rest of the nation via the internet.

The Alabama Broadband Accessibility Fund program is trying to change that. Created by the state Legislature and signed by Gov. Kay Ivey in 2018, the Alabama Broadband Accessibility Act provides established funds to assist non-governmental entities in supplying high-speed internet to unserved- and underserved areas of Alabama. The program is administered through ADECA's Energy Division.

Primary targets are unincorporated areas of Alabama or municipalities of 25,000 people or less.

Since its beginning, more than \$2.2 million has been awarded through ADECA to provide high-speed internet access to nearly 3,000 households and numerous businesses, schools, churches and public buildings.

In 2019, numerous amendments were made to the act and \$20 million in funding was made available. Additional grants will be awarded in early 2020. Grants are awarded on at least an annual basis based on appropriations from the Alabama Legislature.

HEALTHY FOODS



The Alabama Healthy Foods Financing Act was created by the state Legislature in 2015 to provide access to fresh foods in underserved communities and neighborhoods inhabited primarily by low-income persons and senior citizens and those who might not have any available transportation to a grocery store.

ADECA was handed the reins of the program at its creation. In 2019, Governor Kay Ivey awarded six grants totaling \$180,000 to provide fresh produce and fruits to areas using several methods.

One project was to replace and repair equipment at the Piggy Wiggly in the town of York. Before the improvements, the town had gone almost a full year without a full-fledged grocery store.

A \$50,000 grant awarded to the city of Birmingham helped establish a produce market adjacent to the

Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority central station in downtown Birmingham. The objective in that market, which opened in 2019, was to provide a convenient healthy-food location for transit riders, many of whom are classified as low-income.

Businesses and non-profits are eligible to apply for the grants to help eliminate what the U.S. Department of Agriculture classifies as food deserts. A food desert can be an urban area where at least 33 percent of the population lives a mile or more – or 10 miles in rural areas – from a grocery store offering fresh produce at affordable prices.

Other eligible programs include traveling markets, produce stands, food pantries and community and teaching gardens.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The Community and Economic Development Division is ADECA's largest division and home to some of the agency's better-known programs.

CED programs enhance quality of life throughout Alabama by providing improvements for towns, cities and counties. They also provide the foundation for new and expanding businesses resulting in new jobs and an improved economy. Other CED programs are geared toward helping individuals and businesses achieve success through several avenues.

Community Development Block Grants

Community Development Block Grants are flexible grants that come in many forms to address many community needs.

With funds supplied to the state by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the program's main goal is to benefit low and moderate-income families. That goal can be achieved by improving infrastructure, upgrading neighborhoods and assisting in the creation of jobs.

Competitive CDBG Awards are awarded annually to Alabama's towns, cities and counties on a competitive basis with the objective to provide funds to the communities with the most urgent needs. Grants are awarded in several categories including **Small City** (populations of 3,000 and below); **Large City** (population of 3,001 and above); **County** and **Community Enhancement**, which involves projects that might go beyond infrastructure, yet still improve quality of life, such as construction or renovation of a community center or senior citizen center. Also in that category, but on a much smaller funding scale, are **Planning Grants**, which are designed to help communities map out long-range goals and growth schemes.

In 2019, ADECA awarded a total of \$18.7 million for improvements in 58 Alabama communities through the competitive grant program. Those funds provided extensions of public water service, improvements to roads and sewer systems, removal of blight and construction of public buildings.



CDBG competitive grants help communities with infrastructure needs.

The **CDBG Economic Development** program lays the groundwork for economic development projects by helping communities address infrastructure needs like sewer, water, and road improvements for new and expanding companies which help provide jobs and enhance the economy.

In 2019, more than \$17.8 million in CDBG economic development funds were awarded for 17 projects that helped create more than 1,500 new jobs and ensured that 211 jobs were retained.

The town of West Blocton and the Bibb County Commission were awarded CDBG grants of \$514,606 and \$270,360 respectively to aid in the \$1 billion expansion of Mercedes Benz U.S. International. Funds were awarded to assist in the construction of a \$300 million Mercedes battery plant in Bibb County that will employ at least 265 people.

As with many CDBG economic development projects, funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission were also obtained to help make the Bibb County project possible.

On occasion, ADECA may receive **CDBG Disaster Funds** from HUD to help communities recover from devastating storms, hurricanes and other types of natural disasters.



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Recreation and Conservation

Whether it be a simple basketball court for after-school pickup games, a community park trail for an early morning stroll or a place for families to have gatherings and reunions, recreation sites are an important part of nearly every Alabama community.

ADECA's Recreation and Conservation Unit administers two federal programs that have helped establish or maintain parks, playgrounds and trails throughout Alabama.

The **Land and Water Conservation Fund**, a program of the National Park Service, provides grants of up to \$350,000 to cities, counties, state agencies and other public authorities to acquire or develop lands into parks, playgrounds and trails. Awards, which are usually issued on an annual basis, require recipients to provide an identical monetary or in-kind service match.

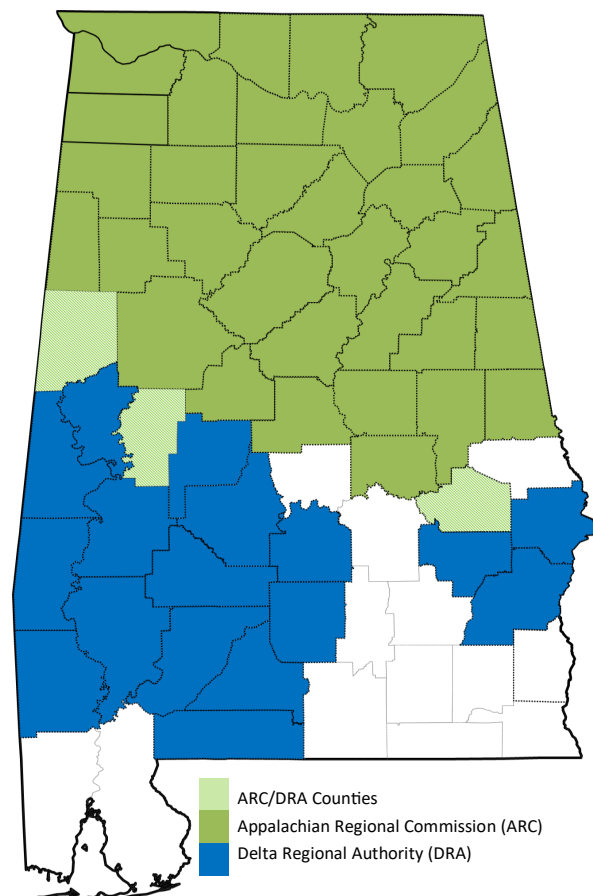
The **Recreational Trails** program provides funds for development and improvement of trails for walking, hiking, cycling, horseback riding and motorized vehicles. Trail equipment and tools, safety programs and education are also eligible for funding.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, applicants applying for non-motorized, multi-use trails are eligible for up to a \$400,000 grant while the maximum grant amount for a single-purpose project is \$200,000. Motorized trails are eligible for grants up to \$550,000. Applicants must also provide at least a 20 percent match.

In 2019, Governor Kay Ivey announced 12 LWCF grants totaling \$2.6 million. Those grants funded new projects or improvements in 12 Alabama cities. Projects ranged from improving ball fields to creating an outdoor learning center to teach children about insects, plants and aquatic life from a nearby stream.

Governor Ivey also awarded \$2.58 million in Recreational Trails grants in 2019. Those grants were awarded to improve recreational venues in seven Alabama cities and one state park.

Included in those Recreational Trails grants was one for about \$531,000 to enable the city of Camden to upgrade Bridgeport Park on Miller's Ferry along the Alabama River. That project will improve boating access to the lake for anglers and pleasure boaters. Moreover, it will improve commerce opportunities for the Black Belt city through the large number of people that venture there to participate in fishing tournaments.



Appalachian Regional Commission

The Appalachian Regional Commission is a federal economic development engine that for more than 50 years has provided stimulus to improve the economy in its 13 member states, which includes 37 counties in Alabama.

ARC funds are used to upgrade or add infrastructure, improve education, create jobs and advance health care all with the goal of elevating living standards in the Appalachian Mountain region.

Established as a federal-state-local partnership by Congress in 1965, ARC projects and contracts originate at the local level through city councils, county commissions, school boards and colleges, regional planning commissions and some nonprofits. Projects within what are termed as economically distressed counties are more likely to be funded.

In 2019, ARC awarded a total of nearly \$5.3 million for 23 projects in Alabama.

Among those awards, more than \$1 million in ARC funds were directed to Bibb County to provide infrastru-

cture needs for Mercedes-Benz U.S. International which is expanding and could hire as many as 600 new workers in the next few years. Those ARC funds were combined with Community Development Block Grants to maximize impact.

Also in 2019, a \$200,000 grant was awarded to provide public water services to numerous poultry farms in Marion County which were having to depend on unreliable private wells and springs to keep their businesses running. Without the funds, those farms might have been forced out of business.

In another project, ARC and the Central Alabama Rural Electric Cooperative also teamed up to provide funds and labor to supply high-speed internet to some unserved areas in Coosa County.

Delta Regional Authority

Much like the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Delta Regional Authority helps spur economic development and improvements in a band of 20 counties in an area of Alabama that has traditionally been referred to as the Black Belt.

Established in 2000, the DRA program provides funds to attract industry and businesses and create jobs, improve education and health care and help communities address major needs like improving roads and infrastructure.

In 2019, eight projects were awarded a total of \$1.6 million through the DRA's State Economic Development Assistance Program.

In Sumter County, a DRA award of \$509,000 was used to make way for Envira, the nation's largest wood pellet producer, to build a plant at the Port of Epes industrial complex near the Tombigbee River. The project is providing water and sewer services to the plant which will employ 85 people.

The city of Jackson in Clarke County also turned to DRA to help address a flooding and drainage problem affecting local businesses and residences. The city was awarded a \$211,845 grant to provide a remedy which will not only increase property values, but also alleviate health and safety problems.



A \$250,000 grant to the Lee County Commission led to the construction of a new senior citizen center in the Beulah community where seniors are served lunches several days a week.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program helps revitalize neighborhoods in jeopardy of falling into disrepair and abandonment by enabling abandoned and empty houses to be renovated and sold or rented.

Minority Business Enterprise is a certification program designed to boost opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses. Obtaining certificates enables qualified companies to compete for government contracts.

Emergency Solutions Grants Program provides temporary and permanent shelter and related services to a person or people that are at risk of becoming homeless. The program also provides funding for centers that assist domestic violence victims.

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS provides housing assistance and related support services to low-income and HIV/AIDS disabled persons and their families. HOPWA ensures clients have access to medical care.

Alabama Enterprise Zone Act provides tax incentives to businesses that locate within Enterprise zones which are specified low-income or depressed areas.

ENERGY DIVISION

The objective of ADECA's Energy Division is to increase energy efficiency in homes, businesses and transportation through the promotion of energy-efficient products, new technology, conservation and know-how.

Even with those duties, the division's responsibilities have expanded in the past several years to include other programs to improve Alabama and the lives of Alabamians.

The division's main programs include:

The State Energy Program supports ways to lower energy costs in public, commercial and industrial buildings, including school and government buildings, and promotes the use of energy efficient products like ENERGY STAR.

Among its accomplishments in 2019:

Twenty-five retrofits were installed in K-12 schools and buildings housing local governments and non-profits to provide energy-efficient lighting and heating and air-conditioning systems.

Eighteen building operators were trained on how to make buildings more energy efficient and save up to \$20,000 annually in energy costs.

The Alabama Energy and Residential Codes are mandatory codes regarding safety and energy efficiency for residential and commercial buildings. The codes were established by the AERC Board with guidance from ADECA's Energy personnel.

AlabamaSAVES provides low-interest-rate loans for energy-efficient projects involving businesses.

Weatherization Assistance Program reduces heating and cooling costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by making energy efficiency improvements to their homes while ensuring their health and safety.

In fiscal year 2018-19 more than 630 houses in Alabama were weatherized by agencies that have contracts with ADECA's Energy Division.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists eligible households to meet the rising costs of home energy. ADECA partners with 20 community action agencies and one non-profit organization to assist households at the county level. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services allocated \$53.9 million to Alabama to administer the Fiscal Year 2019 program.



The city of Millbrook used a \$9,750 energy grant from ADECA to install modern lighting in the Millbrook Economic Development Center that will improve illumination and save on energy costs.

Community Services Block Grants assist low-income residents with a number of priorities with the goal to help them reach self-sufficiency. ADECA works with more than 20 community action agencies to administer the program on local levels. Funding for the program is supplied by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In 2019, \$12.4 million was distributed to community action agencies.

VW Settlement funds arise out of a nationwide payment from the German automobile maker and are distributed to states to reduce diesel pollution and improve air quality. Alabama received \$25.5 million out of a \$2.9 billion nationwide settlement.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION

Helping to make our communities and roads safer is the focus of ADECA's Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Division.

The division's Public Safety Unit works with state and local law enforcement agencies to ensure Alabama's traffic safety and criminal laws are enforced while the Human Services Unit has programs to assist crime victims, primarily those who have suffered domestic abuse or sexually related violent crimes.

Public Safety Unit

"Click It or Ticket" and "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" are two of the more familiar traffic safety campaigns administered through LETS and funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "Click It or Ticket" focuses on enforcement of the state's seatbelt law. The "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" programs strive to warn motorists about the dangers of drinking and driving and the consequences while the enforcement phase increases law enforcement agencies' presence on the road to monitor traffic and arrest drivers who disobey those laws.

Other highway campaigns are aimed toward increasing safety in areas where a high number of crashes occur particularly during busy travel periods.

In total, ADECA administered more than \$3.1 million in highway safety efforts during fiscal year 2018-19.

The Alabama Drug Enforcement Task Force is another program that is supported by grant funding through LETS. Formed in January 2018, the organization's aim is to reduce the sale and use of illegal drugs and illegally obtained prescription drugs. It has seven regional drug task force offices under the management of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. The program, which received \$1.6 million in funds through ADECA in 2019, is made up of nearly 100 officers from state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies.

Human Services Unit

Domestic violence is a crime that has no boundaries. It crosses all socioeconomic lines resulting in devastation,



Through ADECA funds, the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services invested in therapy dogs to help comfort crime victims called on to testify in court. (Contributed photo)

injuries and sometimes worse among families and individuals.

The Human Services Unit, through funding from the Victims of Crime Act, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and the Violence Against Women Act, works with 90 agencies across Alabama to prevent domestic violence and to assist victims caught up in those situations by offering safe shelter, medical needs, legal assistance and in some cases helps those victims achieve independence.

One new program in 2019 was the crime victim support dog program which enables victims of crime to be accompanied in the courtroom with a service dog.

The state Office of Prosecution Services initiated the program, which is designed to help mainly child victims be more at ease while testifying. Many older victims, traumatized from horrific crimes and terrified at speaking in court in front of their accusers, also rely on the service dogs for comfort.

In March 2019 ADECA awarded the Office of Prosecution Services a \$700,000 grant to purchase four trained service dogs, bringing the total number of dogs to seven since the program began in 2018. Many of the dogs are kept at different locations in the state but can be deployed to any county at the request of district attorneys.

Since the program's inception, service dogs have been required on more than 1,000 occasions, including forensic interviews, court hearings, medical examinations, therapy and other case-required interactions.



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OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES



As much of Alabama suffered through an extended dry period in late 2019, it served to illustrate the importance of the Office of Water Resources.

The ADECA division manages and monitors Alabama's ground and surface water resources in a manner that is in the best interest of the state now and in the future.

As part of its duties, OWR brings together water experts and major water users to monitor and address drought and water shortage situations. In accordance with the Drought Planning and Response Act of 2014, OWR has led the way to the development of a plan which provides guidance on preparing for and reducing the effects of drought. The Alabama Drought Assessment and Planning Team monitors drought conditions and advises the governor when circumstances require.

Also, as part of its duties, OWR, during periods of low rainfall, issues drought advisories that list warnings, watches and emergency situations for nine specific regions of Alabama. The advisories aid local water authorities and management in taking steps to minimize impacts of drought.

OWR in late 2019 released the "Estimated 2015 Water Use and Surface Water Availability" report. The report

provides an assessment of water withdrawals and consumptive water use in Alabama using data from 2015. The total water withdrawals was estimated to be 8.2 billion gallons per day, according to the report which is available on ADECA's website.

While water is a sustainer of life, in some variations it can also be a destructive force. OWR's Floodplain Management Unit works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and local communities in identifying flood-prone areas and reducing the risk of losing lives and property to flooding or coastal storm surges.

The unit, on a regular rotating basis, is under contract to FEMA to produce flood maps of each Alabama county. Those maps take into account areas that are most likely to flood and how often. Information is used for several reasons including determining federal flood insurance availability and rates.

OWR recently published coastal flood-insurance maps for Baldwin and Mobile counties, areas of the state that are vulnerable to coastal storm surges caused by hurricanes and tropical storms. Although most flood-insurance maps are updated every few years, storm-surge analyses for the coastal areas of Baldwin and Mobile counties have not been conducted since 1983. The new maps will address the impact of flooding along Alabama's 295 miles of coastline.

OWR also:

Provides technical assistance to the state regarding interstate water issues among Alabama, Georgia and Florida and involving the Alabama-Coosa-Tallapoosa and Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint rivers water basins.



OWR Division Chief Brian Atkins provides television news interview where he discusses the impact of a drought in Alabama in the summer of 2019.

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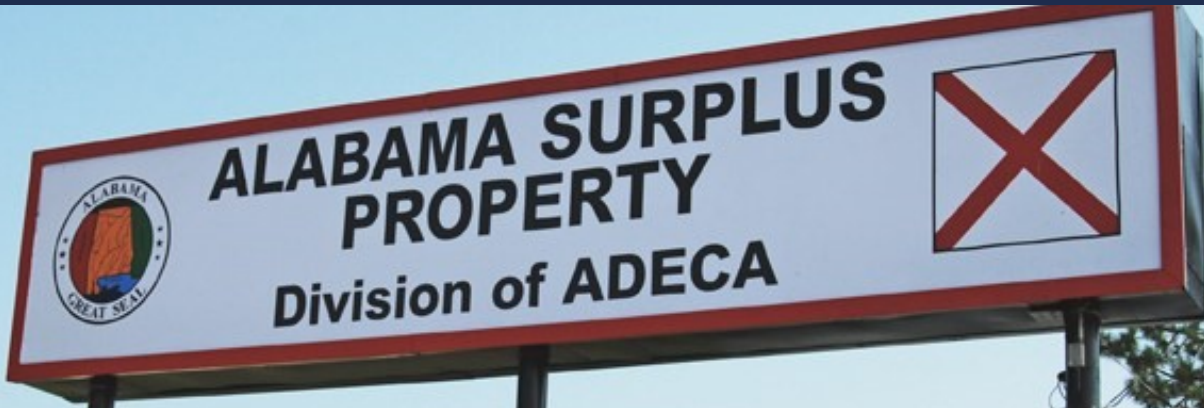
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SURPLUS PROPERTY DIVISION



Many Alabama towns, cities and counties and nonprofit organizations often have to stretch their dollars to provide needed services for their residents. So, when a vital piece of equipment or machinery goes down, it can pose a challenge for an already-stretched budget.

For years ADECA's Surplus Property Division has been providing relief to governments and groups in that situation by offering equipment, vehicles, office equipment and other needed items when a crisis strikes or when a need arises.

With warehouses in Montgomery and Eva (in Morgan County), Surplus Property collects used and surplus state and federal property and is able to provide it to governments and qualified organizations at the properties' acquired cost. In some cases, unused or little-used property is available. Both instances save those groups hundreds if not thousands of dollars. Surplus Property acquired more than \$31.4 million in federal properties in 2019.

Traditionally, much of the unsold property for governments and nonprofits has been sold at on-site public auctions conducted several times annually.

However, as a cost-saving measure, Surplus Property in 2019 began selling those items through online auctions at GovDeals.

Online auctions are conducted approximately every six weeks with the proceeds after expenses going to the state's General Fund. Like traditional auctions, walk-throughs are still permitted so potential buyers can familiarize themselves with items to be auctioned.

Surplus Property has also been instrumental the past decade in providing equipment, machinery and other needed items to governments who have been impacted by storms or other major disasters.

Surplus Property also manages the Law Enforcement Support Office program which enables eligible law enforcement agencies within the state to obtain surplus military equipment at no charge other than their own personal transportation expenses to the military bases or locations where the equipment is housed.

As a result, Alabama law enforcement agencies can obtain items like bullet-proof vests, generators, vehicles of every description and even aircraft.

About 250 law enforcement agencies in Alabama participate in the LESO program which is managed nationally by the U.S. Department of Defense. Participating agencies are required to attend a compliance workshop and pay a small annual fee to defray administration costs.

As of Oct. 1, 2019, Alabama law enforcement agencies have acquired nearly \$11.5 million in LESO equipment.



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ALABAMA INLAND PORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM



Throughout Alabama's history, river transportation has played a vital role in moving goods and in the state's economy.

The Alabama Inland Port Infrastructure grant program was established in 2019 to increase the ability and efficiency of the state's inland water ports to load and unload raw and finished materials and products. An inland port is a port located along a river, canal or other major inland waterway.

Many of the products from the state's inland ports will ultimately make their way to other ports in the United States and around the world and vice versa. All of this commerce creates jobs and boosts Alabama's economy.

Beginning in late 2019, ADECA's Energy Division began receiving applications to help port authorities, local governments and other managers of public inland ports take on capital improvements projects to make their parts more operational and competitive.

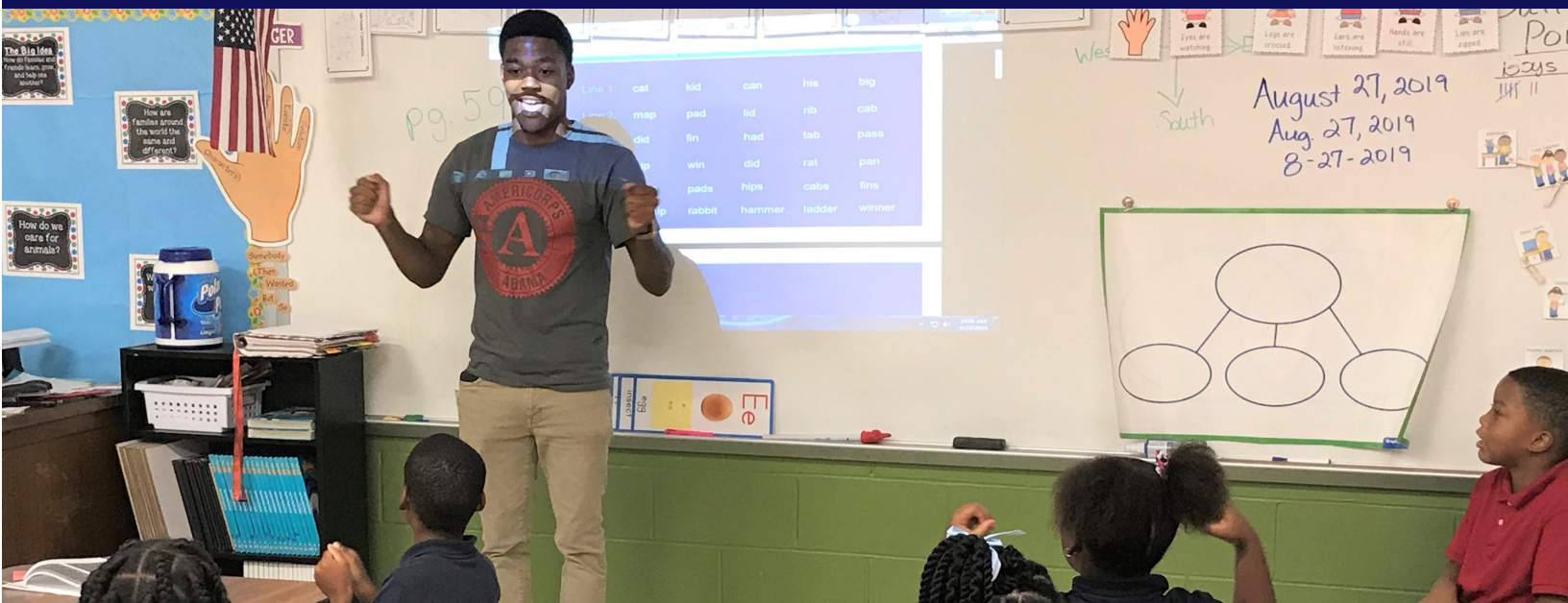
In February 2020, Gov. Ivey awarded a total of \$3.2 million for improvements at six inland ports.

Grant recipients are required to provide a 20 percent match and projects are to be completed within two years. Among eligible projects are new construction, non-routine maintenance and onsite storage.

The grant program was created by the Alabama Legislature to enhance commerce by taking advantage of the state's abundant water resources.



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES



The Governor's Office of Volunteer Services helps to improve Alabama through many programs such as education and student mentoring.

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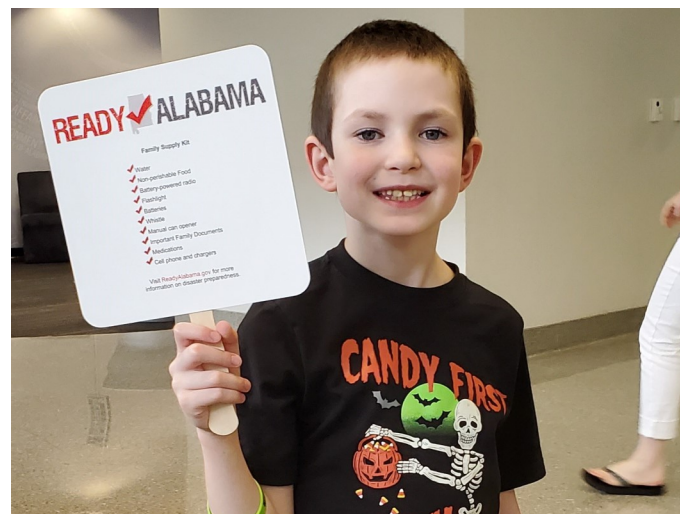
Established by executive order of Governor Kay Ivey in 2017, the office is housed in the Alabama Center for Commerce and reports to the ADECA director.

The office, which functions as the Alabama State Service Commission, oversees the administration and operation of AmeriCorps programs in the state. Those funds are allocated to nonprofit groups and local, county and state agencies to respond to local needs.

In 2018-19, the office awarded \$1.75 million in AmeriCorps funds to eight agencies representing more than 8,000 volunteers.

One program, YWCA-Central Alabama, provided nearly 9,000 hours of volunteer service.

Overall services included helping 2,413 military veterans and active-duty military and assisting nearly 6,000 students in improving their math and literacy skills.



The office also helps coordinate donations and volunteers after disasters like tornadoes and hurricanes that have devastated communities.

In a similar mode, the office administers ReadyAlabama, a statewide disaster-preparedness initiative that conducts training to help volunteers prepare for disasters. The program also helps educate the public on methods to prepare for natural disasters and avoid mishaps.

In the spring of 2019 when a tornado struck Lee County causing multiple fatalities and destroying structures, ReadyAlabama assisted in registering more than 1,400 volunteers that helped storm victims obtain basic supplies to carry on their lives and begin recovery.



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ADECA SUPPORT SERVICES

Multiple offices within ADECA provide the needed resources for the agency to carry out its mission of improving communities and the lives of Alabamians.

COMMUNICATIONS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Every year ADECA awards hundreds of grants and performs numerous services. The Communications and External Affairs Unit through media releases, publications, online videos and other electronic data serves to inform the public as well as elected officials of ADECA grant programs, services, events and topics. For the past two years, CEA has been carrying the baton to obtain maximum participation in the 2020 Census which will greatly impact the state's future.

INFORMATION SERVICES

In the Information Age, technology is a must. ADECA's Information Services Section provides the technological expertise for everything from keeping office computers running to developing software programs that put ADECA-related information at someone's fingertips and help staff members perform their duties effectively.

LEGAL

The Legal Section verifies that every contract, agreement and partnership adheres to state and federal laws and mandates. The section also monitors legislative affairs to determine how proposed legislation and approved bills will impact ADECA and its programs.

AUDIT

The Audit Section ensures that every grant dollar issued through ADECA is accounted for and spent according to its intent. The office provides guidance to grant recipients throughout the contract agreement to ascertain that financial rules are being followed so not to jeopardize the project or the ability to obtain grants for future projects.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Human Resources Section, through ensuring that applicants have the needed qualifications, assists in the hiring of capable employees enabling ADECA to operate efficiently and effectively. Once on board, employees rely on Human Resources for advancements and making the most of their employment experience.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Financial Services Section manages the everyday budgeting, purchasing, payroll and property management for ADECA and monitors financial affairs to ensure compliance of department, state and federal procedures.



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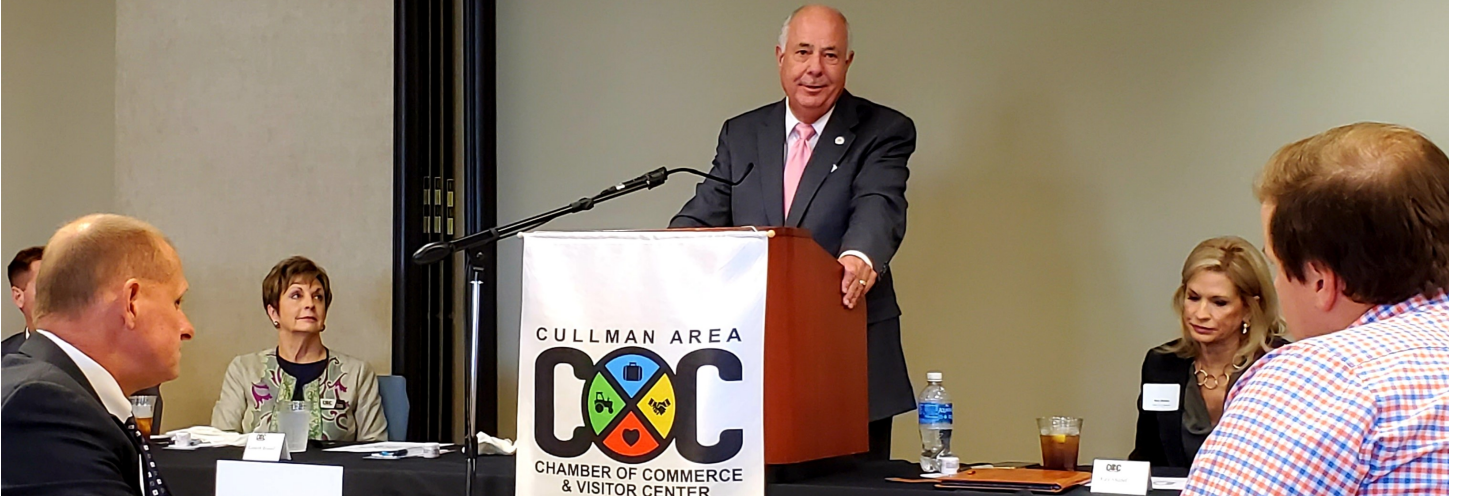
FEDERAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

2018-2019 Federal Receipts and Expenditures		Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Expenditures
Federal Granter/Program Title				
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT				
Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	20,837,635	20,882,030	
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	3,033,035	3,026,641	
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	14.241	1,636,827	1,633,447	
Hurricane Sandy CDBG Disaster Recovery	14.269	1,608,031	1,598,149	
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR				
Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning	15.916	600,674	601,819	
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE				
Sexual Assault Services Formula Program	16.017	452,100	452,105	
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	16.540	378,060	369,404	
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	30,352,934	30,334,486	
Crime Victim Assistance/Discretionary Grants	16.582	58,168	56,950	
Violence Against Women Formula Grants	16.588	3,128,355	3,118,534	
Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners	16.593	484,665	484,638	
Project Safe Neighborhoods	16.609	3,234	3,234	
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	3,434,529	3,303,211	
Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program	16.742	433,881	433,150	
Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program	16.751	154,601	164,538	
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION				
Recreational Trails Program	20.219	1,729,462	1,768,288	
Capital Assistance to States - Intercity Passenger Rail Service	20.317	51,204	51,204	
Highway Safety Cluster				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	3,621,395	3,683,134	
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	3,895,516	3,898,131	
Total Highway Safety Cluster		<u>7,516,911</u>	<u>7,581,265</u>	
APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION				
Appalachian Area Development	23.002	4,174,332	4,085,652	
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION				
Donation of Federal Surplus Personal Property (value of property - not cash received)	39.003	8,475,201	6,726,515	
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY				
Petroleum Violation Escrow	81.Unknown	612	(292,445)	
State Energy Program	81.041	490,234	542,090	
Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	81.042	3,204,333	3,210,288	
State Energy Program Special Projects	81.119	152,099	90,163	
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance	93.568	53,719,296	53,747,620	
Community Services Block Grant	93.569	13,745,114	13,741,119	
Family Violence Prevention & Services/Domestic Violence Shelter/Supportive Services	93.671	1,671,551	1,605,579	
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY				
Community Assistance Program State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE)	97.023	338,325	338,535	
Cooperating Technical Partners	97.045	3,947,978	3,948,193	
TOTAL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS		<u>165,813,381</u>	<u>163,606,402</u>	

COMMUNITY VISITS 2019



Director Boswell addresses clients at the Millbrook Senior Citizen Center.



Outlining ADECA programs and talking about the importance of the upcoming census are two topics used frequently by Director Boswell who is shown addressing the



Director Boswell speaks to the Alabama Association of General Contractors about ADECA programs.



Ozark Mayor Bob Bunting provides a tour of his town for Director Boswell, who regularly visits towns and cities across Alabama to listen to community needs.



Director Boswell attends the ribbon cutting of Winston Homebuilders in Double Springs. An ADECA grant helped reopen an abandoned manufacturing plant and provide new jobs in Winston County.



Director Boswell conducts a community visit to the city of Tallassee.



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